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SUBJECT: SEVEN BODIES LOCATED

BEGIN SUMMARY: SEVEN BODIES WERE LOCATED IN OLANCHO ON JULY 17. FIVE THAT WERE IDENTIFIED INCLUDED U.S. CITIZEN MICHAEL JEROME CYPHER (FATHER CASIMIRO) AND COLUMBIAN CITIZENS FATHER IVAN BETANCOURT AND MARIA ELENA BOLIVAR VARGAS. WORK IS CONTINUING TO REMOVE SEVERAL MORE BODIES LOCATED IN WELL. END SUMMARY.

1. A GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED JULY 17 CONTAINED FOLLOWING MAIN POINTS:

(A) THE HIGH LEVEL MILITARY COMMISSION INFORMED THE HIGH COMMAND THAT SEVEN BODIES WERE FOUND IN EXCAVATING A WELL ON THE PROPERTY OF MANUEL ZELAYA;

(B) FIVE OF THE SEVEN CORPSES HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS JEROME CYPHER (FATHER CASIMIRO), FATHER IVAN BETANCOURT, JOSE A. MARTINEZ, RUTH ARGENTINA GARCIA AND MARIA ELENA BOLIVAR VARGAS (COLUMBIAN);

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(C) THE BODIES WERE FOUND IN AN ADVANCED STATE OF

DECOMPOSITION AND PARTIALLY DISFIGURED;

(D) THE BODIES OF FATHER CASIMIRO, FATHER BETANCOURT
AND MARIA ELENA BOLIVAR VARGAS WERE FLOWN TO TEGUCIGALPA;

(E) WORK IS CONTINUING TO REMOVE SEVERAL MORE BODIES
LOCATED IN WELL;

(F) THE REMAINS OF FATHER CASIMIRO WILL BE DELIVERED
TO THE U.S. CONSUL AND THE REMAINS OF FATHER BETANCOURT
AND MARIA ELENA BOLIVAR VARGAS WILL BE DELIVERED TO
THE COLUMBIAN AMBASSADOR; AND

(G) THE HONDURAN GOVERNMENT WILL RENDER ASSISTANCE
TO THE U.S. CONSUL AND COLUMBIAN AMBASSADOR IN
SENDING THE BODIES TO THEIR RESPECTIVE FAMILIES.
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